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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original): A computerized method for translating source code into object code, comprising:

recognizing a history operator and a history operand in the source code;
generating first object code that, when executed, saves a data history associated
with an instance of the history operand; and

generating second object code that, when executed, performs the history operator on the data history.

- 2. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the first object code further saves values assigned to a variable in the data history when the object code is executed.
- 3. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the history operand further comprises an expression of variables and wherein the first object code further saves a result of the expression in the data history.
- 4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein generating first object code further comprises allocating storage for the data history.
- 5. (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein the data history further comprises program locations where the assignments occurred and timestamps indicating when the assignment was made.
- 6. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

querying the data history based on contents of the data history.

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- 7. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the history operand comprises a function and the data history comprises values returned by the function.
- 8. (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein the data history further comprises program locations where the values were returned and timestamps indicting when the values were returned.
- 9. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the history operand comprises a label associated with a source code statement, and wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

counting a number of times the source code statement associated with the label was executed.

- 10. (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the label is programmer-defined.
- 11. (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the label comprises a programming language control construct.
- 12. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein performing the history operator on the data history is a function selected from a group consisting of:

summing the data history, averaging the data history, determining a maximum of the data history, selecting an element of the data history, determining a minimum of the data history, determining a number of values in the data history, determining a first entry in the data history, determining a subsequence of the data history, performing a reduction operation, and performing a statistical function.

13. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein:

the history operand comprises a programming language keyword representing a loop; and

the history operator comprises an iteration count of the loop.

- 14. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein saving the data history further comprises: saving the data history in an array, wherein each element of the array comprises a value associated with the history operand at a particular time.
- 15. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein saving the data history further comprises; saving the data history in a linked list.
- 16. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein saving the data history further comprises: saving the data history in a file.
- 17. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

resetting the data history to null.

- 18. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein saving the data history and performing the history operator further comprise updating an accumulator.
- 19. (Previously Amended): A computer-readable medium containing source code, wherein the source code comprises:

a history operand to direct a translator to generate first object code that, when executed, saves a data history associated with an instance of the history operand; and a history operator to direct the translator to generate second object code that, when executed, performs the history operator on the data history.

- 20. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the history operand comprises a variable and the data history comprises values assigned to the variable.
- 21. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the history operand comprises an expression of variables and the data history comprises a result of the expression.

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- 22. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the history operand comprises a heap-allocated object.
- 23. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the history operand comprises a function and the data history comprises values returned by the function.
- 24. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the data history further comprises program locations where the values were returned and timestamps indicating when the values were returned.
- 25. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the history operand comprises a label associated with a source code statement, and wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

counting a number of times the source code statement associated with the label has been executed.

26. (Original): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

recognizing a history operand in source code;

finding at least one instance of the history operand in the source code in response to recognizing the history operand;

allocating storage; and

generating first object code associated with each instance, wherein the first object code, when executed, saves a data history associated with the history operand in the storage.

27. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 26, further comprising: recognizing a history operator in the source code; and generating second object code that, when executed, performs the history operator on the data history.

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28. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

querying the data history based on contents of the data history.

29. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein the history operand comprises a label associated with a source code statement, and wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

counting a number of times the source code statement associated with the label has been executed.

30. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein performing the history operator on the data history is a function selected from a group consisting of:

summing the data history, averaging the data history, determining a maximum of the data history, determining a number of values in the data history, determining a first entry in the data history, determining a last entry in the data history, determining a subsequence of the data history, performing a reduction operation, and performing a statistical function.

31. (Previously Amended): A computer system comprising:

a processor;

memory coupled to the processor, wherein the memory contains a translator for translating source code into object code, wherein the translator comprises instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:

recognizing a history operand in the source code, wherein the source code is contained in the memory;

in response to recognizing the history operand, finding at least one instance of the history operand in the source code;

allocating storage for a data history associated with the history operand; generating first object code associated with each instance, wherein the first object code, when executed, saves the data history associated with the history operand in the storage; and

generating second object code that, when executed, performs the <u>a</u> history operator on the data history.

- 32. (Original): The computer system of claim 31, wherein the first object code further saves values assigned to a variable, wherein the variable is an instance of the history operand.
- 33. (Original): The computer system of claim 31, wherein the second object code, when executed, performs a function selected from a group consisting of:

summing the data history, averaging the data history, determining a maximum of the data history, determining a number of values in the data history, determining a first entry in the data history, determining a last entry in the data history, determining a subsequence of the data history, performing a reduction operation, and performing a statistical function.

34. (Original): The computer system of claim 31, wherein the history operand comprises a label associated with a source code statement, and wherein the second object code, when executed, further comprises:

counting a number of times the source code statement associated with the label has been executed.

- 38. (Original): A computerized method for interpreting source code, comprising: recognizing a history operator and a history operand in the source code; saving a data history associated with an instance of the history operand; and performing the history operator on the data history.
- 39. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein saving the data history further comprises saving values assigned to a variable in the data history when the object code is executed.
- 40. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein the history operand further comprises an expression of variables and wherein saving the data history further comprises saving a result of the expression in the data history.

- 41. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein saving the data history further comprises allocating storage for the data history.
- 42. (Original): The method of claim 39, wherein the data history further comprises program locations where the assignments occurred and timestamps indicating when the assignment was made.
- 43. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

querying the data history based on contents of the data history.

- 44. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein the history operand comprises a function and the data history comprises values returned by the function.
- 45. (Original): The method of claim 44, wherein the data history further comprises program locations where the values were returned and timestamps indicating when the values were returned.
- 46. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein the history operand comprises a label associated with a source code statement, and wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

counting a number of times the source code statement associated with the label was executed.

- 47. (Original): The method of claim 46, wherein the label is programmer-defined.
- 48. (Original): The method of claim 46, wherein the label comprises a programming language control construct.

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49. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein performing the history operator on the data history is a function selected from a group consisting of:

summing the data history, averaging the data history, determining a maximum of the data history, selecting an element of the data history, determining a minimum of the data history, determining a number of values in the data history, determining a first entry in the data history, determining a last entry in the data history, determining a subsequence of the data history, performing a reduction operation, and performing a statistical function.

50. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein:

the history operand comprises a programming language keyword representing a loop; and

the history operator comprises an iteration count of the loop.

51. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein the saving of the data history further comprises:

saving the data history in an array, wherein each element of the array comprises a value associated with the history operand at a particular time.

52. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein saving the data history further comprises:

saving the data history in a linked list.

53. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein saving the data history further comprises:

saving the data history in a file.

54. (Original): The method of claim 38, wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

resetting the data history to null.

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55. (Previously amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

recognizing a history operand in source code, the history operand representing a sequence of data associated with the history of an operand instance;

finding at least one instance of the history operand in the source code in response to recognizing the history operand; and

saving a data history associated with each instance of the history operand.

56. (Previously amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 55, further comprising:

recognizing a history operator in the source code, the history operator representing a function that object code will perform on the data history associated with the history operand; and

performing the history operator on the data history.

57. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 55, wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

querying the data history based on contents of the data history.

58. (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 55, wherein the history operand comprises a label associated with a source code statement, and wherein performing the history operator on the data history further comprises:

counting a number of times the source code statement associated with the label has been executed.